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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The airborne export statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments individually valued $100-$499 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments to Canada and a 50 percent sample of such shipments to other countries. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. Over two-thirds of the value totals of $20,000 or more shown in the airborne export table are subject to a sampling variability of less than 5 percent. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 2%
$20,000-$500,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Less than 10%. Over 90% of the value totals have less than 5%
$20,000-$500,000, Total and North America	Less than 20%. About 80% of the value totals have less than 15%
Under $20,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Generally $1000 to $2000
Under $20,000, Total and North America	Generally $3000 to $6000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]19,072	.....	6,284	3,369	4,169	869	168	267	[2]129,420	.....	17,857	9,925	41,300	6,309	1,541	1,559
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]6,795	2,739	577	1,362	477	31	68	.....	[2]40,204	7,248	2,719	10,994	2,898	167	461
Massachusetts.....	230	100	44	(*)	123	2	1	32	1,370	640	150	2	1,123	17	8	37
Rochester.....	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	35	35	31	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	21	21	16	...	...	...	...	...	77	77	73	...	...	...	...	...
New York.....	6,801	2,397	1,038	506	3,631	536	63	204	50,856	14,603	6,401	3,108	35,149	2,992	793	1,181
Philadelphia.....	30	27	12	...	11	4	(*)	1	106	53	22	...	70	8	2	2
Maryland.....	16	14	3	(*)	9	2	...	(*)	44	31	7	1	21	10	...	3
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	6,888	2,310	3,586	2,773	4	(*)	(*)	(*)	12,347	4,092	5,530	6,348	5	8	4	1
New Orleans.....	369	98	277	25	2	1	...	...	722	185	569	98	6	2	...	...
Galveston.....	274	169	163	20	25	19	...	19	1,035	500	475	90	169	79	...	174
Laredo.....	187	119	172	6	...	...	...	...	441	308	423	5	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	292	133	79	18	96	55	14	4	3,744	1,072	325	132	2,498	555	132	39
San Francisco.....	367	148	10	10	60	169	72	(*)	3,322	1,383	37	117	712	1,787	566	2
Washington.....	175	83	92	(*)	1	52	...	...	1,120	357	396	3	8	671	...	...
Alaska.....	9	8	3	...	1	5	...	...	57	43	13	...	10	33	...	...
Hawaii.....	37	34	(*)	...	1	7	12	...	99	53	1	...	32	38	18	...
Montana and Idaho.....	22	22	21	...	...	...	...	...	137	137	134	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	52	51	43	...	...	...	...	...	221	214	206	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	14	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	51	36	6	...	31	5	(*)	1	246	184	6	...	226	4	(*)	1
Chicago.....	662	152	392	2	154	13	6	5	3,672	934	2,232	8	1,025	104	18	120
Ohio.....	166	...	114	...	(*)	...	...	...	627	...	548	...	7	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	189	54	156	8	(*)	...	...	...	213	113	184	11	(*)	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	131	43	55	(*)	21	...	...	(*)	328	282	81	2	240	...	...	(*)
Special Category[3].....	2,094	770	...	...	...	...	...	...	48,584	14,893	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	10,456	.....	3,389	490	5,597	905	16	60	63,840	.....	6,536	1,479	46,176	6,859	181	680
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	4,497	1,319	71	2,566	501	2	38	.....	26,566	3,056	717	18,412	4,027	10	344
Massachusetts.....	60	32	4	...	56	1	...	...	630	314	32	...	543	9	...	...
Rochester.....	114	114	(*)	...	114	...	...	...	265	257	3	...	257	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	7	6	6	...	1	...	...	...	132	76	102	...	7	...	...	...
New York.....	5,485	2,415	173	45	4,954	255	1	57	47,761	18,340	2,050	872	41,160	1,987	65	666
Philadelphia.....	2	2	(*)	...	2	(*)	...	...	331	300	1	...	299	(*)	...	...
Maryland.....	28	11	(*)	...	23	6	...	...	451	41	7	...	425	3	...	...
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	2,283	830	1,821	435	3	13	10	(*)	2,632	1,679	1,890	588	32	35	9	(*)
New Orleans.....	81	44	81	...	(*)	(*)	...	...	43	21	29	...	(*)	2	...	...
Galveston.....	189	116	188	(*)	1	(*)	...	(*)	205	78	144	3	25	(*)	...	5
Laredo.....	190	186	190	...	(*)	...	...	...	100	80	84	...	(*)	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	439	214	38	(*)	128	272	1	(*)	3,036	1,226	132	5	1,290	1,417	6	4
San Francisco.....	218	158	(*)	(*)	47	166	3	2	1,688	1,026	(*)	1	344	1,179	34	4
Washington.....	171	90	13	...	2	156	...	...	2,130	1,404	187	...	15	1,886	...	...
Alaska.....	7	2	4	...	1	2	...	...	170	156	9	...	4	155	...	...
Hawaii.....	18	11	2	...	(*)	14	2	...	195	66	2	...	2	97	67	...
Montana and Idaho.....	1	1	1	...	(*)	...	...	...	14	13	12	...	1	...	...	...
Dakota.....	(*)	...	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	(*)	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	(*)	(*)	...	...	(*)	...	...	...	10	2	...	...	2	...	...	...
Michigan.....	25	20	1	(*)	23	(*)	...	...	284	210	90	(*)	162	3	...	...
Chicago.....	286	131	63	...	217	6	...	(*)	2,976	1,182	1,434	...	1,350	74	...	1
Ohio.....	28	1	10	...	18	(*)	...	...	300	2	80	...	195	1	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	785	103	775	8	2	(*)	...	...	303	77	235	10	22	2	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	37	9	19	...	4	14	...	...	173	16	14	...	41	11	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U. S. Flag carriers.

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